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Bruce Gilles, Manager
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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Gresham, OR 97030

Re: Armstrong World Industries
EPA Site # ORD093476109

On October 8, 2010 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that it had made substantial progress in moving this site forward since referring the site to EPA for reassessment in January of 2010. Due to the new work being conduct, under DEQ oversight, it was requested that DEQ remain the lead for this site and designate it as an Other Cleanup Authority (OCA) site.

Since DEQ's request EPA has conducted a management review of the site and determined that designating this site as OCA is appropriate at this time. EPA will continue to track this site and will request periodic updates from DEQ on its progress. Should new or additional information become available, which indicates a need for further investigation under the Superfund Program, the site may be re-evaluated.

In addition, the preliminary Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score for the site is greater than 28.50. This preliminary score was generated using the information gathered during the reassessment and therefore this site is considered 'excluded' as an eligible response site (ERS) under the statute [CERCLA Sect. 101(141)C(i)]. If you are interested in further details of this statute, please refer to OSWER Directive 9230-0-107, a copy of which was previously provided.

If you believe that this site should not be considered 'excluded' as an eligible response site, please submit a written reply to this letter within ten (10) calendar days of your receipt of this letter, and include a brief rationale for your determination.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-6396.

Sincerely,

Brandon Perkins
Site Assessment Manager

cc: site file

